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### WALNUT ST. EXT.

## City will spend \$12K on 'eyesore'

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The town of Agawam is still contending with poor condition of the Games and Lanes property, often referred to as an "eyesore" and a catalyst behind an effort to revitalize the Walnut Street Extension area.

On Monday night, the Agawam City Council approved 8-1 a request from Mayor Richard Cohen to spend about \$12,000 to perform a supplemental comprehensive site assessment to conclusively identify contaminants and other environmental issues on the site.

*Mayor: Site assessment of Games and Lanes is necessary for private redevelopment*

Retired Planning and Community Development Director Deborah Dachos has been communicating with a remediation company for several years. The company, Site Redevelopment Technologies, has a renewed interest in the site, but requested the additional as-

essment before taking the risk of ownership on the property.

David Peter, a representative of SRT, came to the City Council meeting on Monday night and requested the council approve the funding.

He said SRT has recently reconsidered the site. It appears, according to Cohen, this may be the only available option to help turn the site into something productive. Cohen says he does not believe the town will qualify for a MassDevelopment grant to clean up the property. The property could be taken by the

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### CITY COUNCIL

## Fire fees will rise

*1st hike in 20 years; burning permits no longer free*

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For the first time in more than 20 years, the ordinance governing fees for various fire inspections has been updated, and there are now fees for inspections and permits not previously addressed, including outdoor burning.

Monday night, the Agawam City Council unanimously approved a proposal from Fire Chief Alan Sirois to raise fees for some existing services, and establish fees for services that the Fire Department's inspector had been doing, but were not a listed service offered by the department according to town code.

"We have a lot of inspections we are required to do by law," said Sirois. "This ordinance update will address all those inspections that have been added over the last 20 years."

According to information supplied by Sirois, NFPA 1 is the latest update and a substantial code change that has significantly changed the way fire departments do business. It places new responsibilities upon fire departments and fire chiefs who are the enforcing agents for the fire code.

Because the town of Agawam has not updated its permitting and inspection fees in more than 20 years, Sirois said, in some cases the inspector is not able to charge any fee. In other cases, a basic small fee, around \$10 is charged.

The town employs one full-time fire inspector, who must use a vehicle and expend resources to perform the various inspections

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## An ice Sunday afternoon

Agawam's Parks and Recreation Department hosted a free family skating night Sunday, March 15, at Amelia Park Arena in Westfield. Pictured at left are Marie and Angelina Wells, both age 5, skating with their mother, Lynn Thibault-Wells. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## Colleen and court embracing 'Irish season'

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It is no longer an Irish experience or just the parade, it is an entire Irish season for the 2015 Agawam Colleen and her court.

The culminating event will occur on Sunday when the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee participates in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade through Holyoke.

On Monday night, Colleen Lauren Muszynski and her court members volunteered at the St. Patrick's Committee's fourth annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the Agawam

Senior Center.

St. Patrick's Committee member Kerri O'Connor says the dinner is another fundraising event that has been

*More inside: Parade, road race are this weekend in Holyoke, page 3*

added to the series of events the Colleen and her court participate in following the coronation and leading up to the parade.

"We seem to be adding more and more each year," said O'Connor. "The events also help us raise money for scholarships and to help pay for our float."

This year's float is a mystery until it is pulled out at the parade, but it will also be saved and used on Memorial Day, when Muszynski and her court reunite for a parade in their hometown.

At Monday night's dinner, the Colleen and court helped serve meals and also participated in a raffle drawing that also raised money for the St. Patrick's Committee. Muszynski also

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Agawam Colleen Lauren Muszynski reads raffle numbers at Monday's dinner. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



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## Correction

The name of the family behind the EvvGirl Foundation was misspelled in a page 3 story in last week's Agawam Advertiser News. The correct names are the late Evan Bard, her parents Todd and Barbara Bard, and her siblings Elijah and Leisl Bard.

Additionally, Elijah's school class was misstated. He is a senior in high school.

## Scouts to hold bottle, can drive

Boy Scout Troop 82 will hold a bottle and can drive at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., on Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call David Robinson at 413-789-1639.

## Country Estates collects food for pantry

In honor of National Nutrition Month and Social Work Month, Kindred-Country Estates will host a food drive at its facility at 1200 Suffield St., Agawam. It will run through the end of March and the items collected will be donated to Bethany Assembly of God's food pantry.

Donations may be dropped off at Country Estates daily between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Non-perishable items are preferred.

# Razed restaurant still planning to rise again

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Last week's teardown of Partners Restaurant is the first step in reopening the Springfield Street eatery.

"Oh, yes, we're going back to our location in Agawam," co-owner Sue Tansey said Monday.

The popular restaurant, at 485 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, has been closed since a September fire. Tansey said there is a meeting scheduled this week to discuss the rebuilding process, but stressed there is currently no timeline for construction.

In the meantime, she confirmed plans for Partners Restaurant to reopen in May at a temporary location at 240 Westfield St., West Springfield.

The new location for Partners was formerly the site of The Cup, a breakfast eatery that closed in 2010. The new location will be called "Partners Restaurant at the Cup."

"We're not too far away and we're happy about that," said Tansey.

In a January interview, Tansey said the staff from the closed Agawam restaurant will make the transition to West Springfield. The new location will open on a six-month lease.

Tansey and her husband, Mark, have continued to operate their catering business since the Sept. 5, 2014, fire.

While Tansey acknowledged the last several months since the fire have been a "long, stressful process," she has been reminded many times that the restaurant's loyal customers are eager for its reopening.

"We get phone calls every week from customers," she said. "We miss them just as much as they miss us. Our aim is to get back in business as soon as possible."



Demolition of the fire-damaged Partners Restaurant on Springfield Street was under way Wednesday afternoon, March 11. By Friday, the structure had been razed completely. Turley Publications photo by Michael J. Ballway

## Easter Bunny breakfast March 29

The public is invited to "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" Sunday, March 29. The event will take place at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam from 8 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$7 per person and free for children 12 and under.

For more information, call Joe Pisano at 413-351-5831.



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# Colleens and courts gather before parade day

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The St. Patrick's Day Colleen and court from Agawam gathered with their counterparts from Holyoke, Chicopee, Springfield, Westfield and West Springfield, and with family, friends and supporters, at the Fairview Castle of Knights on March 8.

Ireland Parish roused the crowd with Irish classics. The colleens danced and mimed to the popular "Unicorn Song." Children and parade committee members joined in.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians raffled off a handmade quilt. The annual gathering, once known as the "Love In," switches locations each year. Last year's event was held in Westfield for the first time.

Colleens and court members wore Irish knit sweaters and dark skirts. Tiaras topped the heads of Grand Colleen Ally K. Craven, Agawam Colleen Lauren Muszynski and fellow colleens. Only Holyoke holds the title of Grand Colleen.

Craven, who was crowned Grand Colleen on Feb. 21 in Holyoke, said "it's super exciting" to meet the other courts. "I never realized how many people are actually colleens. It's really cool to meet everyone, get to know them and experience this with all of them."

The courts posed for a large group photo. "To be able to represent my family, Irish heritage and Holyoke in general is such an honor," said Craven. "I'm completely excited for the parade. I can't wait to see everyone there and celebrate Irish heritage."

### Parade this Sunday

Holyoke Parade Committee President Jacki Reardon said the committee finalized the line of march earlier in the week, which includes bands, floats, military units, community contingents and the local organizations.

"It went extremely well. Things are in great shape. [Parade Coordinator] Kathy Krisak just has to put on some finishing touches," said Reardon.

Agawam entrants in the parade, according to the lineup released last week, include the Agawam High School boys volleyball team, the current Western Mass. Division 1 champions, as part of the Volleyball Hall of Fame contingent in Division B. Other Agawam entrants will form Division I, starting with Agawam Parade Marshal Rosemary Sandlin, Ann Sullivan Award recipient Mary Jo Safford, Citizenship Award recipient Marilyn Curry, Spirit Award recipient Erin Curran, past award winners and the St. Patrick's Committee, led by President Barbara Foley.

The Agawam Colleen and court on this year's town



Colleens and courts from across the region gathered in Chicopee last week. The Colleen courts from Agawam is pictured in the top row at right. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DENNIS P. HOHENBERGER

float, with the theme "A Bit of the Old Sod," will be followed by the high school marching band, Agawam town officials and the Fire Department Marching Unit.

The Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade will take place on Sunday, March 22, along a 2.65-mile route following Northampton, Beech, Appleton and High streets. The parade steps off at 11:45 a.m. from the K-Mart plaza at Whiting Farms Road.

The parade can attract up to a half-million viewers on the streets of Holyoke. Additionally, the parade will be broadcast live on WGBY-TV, Channel 57, from in front of the Barry Farrell Funeral Home on Northampton Street.

### Road race Saturday

Holyoke's celebration will begin Saturday, with races and the presentation of the John F. Kennedy National Award.

The kids race will start at 10:45 a.m., at Hampden and Walnut streets, ending at the official road race finish line on Hampden Street at Veterans Memorial Park. Ceremonies featuring the John F. Kennedy National Award Recipient and decorated marathoner Bill Rodgers are scheduled for 11:45 a.m., followed by the Mummies Parade at noon.

The Holyoke Auxiliary Police Honor Guard will lead the Mummies and the Grand Colleen and Court down Maple Street. The string band will perform near Maple and Hampden Streets.

The planners expanded the Mummies performance

space.

The 40th annual road race will feature the region's top runners, who will sprint the 10K (6.2-mile) loop, which begins and ends at Veterans Memorial Park.

One of those runners will be Rodgers, who returns to the streets of Holyoke for the first time since 1978. Winner of the first three years of the race, which once included the knee-pounding hills at Holyoke Community College, Rodgers gained world notoriety in the Boston Marathon and Olympics.

"For us on the road race committee, this is a huge event," Jim Wildman said. "This is a guy who won Boston three times, won New York four times and [was] involved in the 1976 Olympics."

The race gun goes off at 1 p.m., followed by a short fun walk. Wildman expects the final runner will cross the finish line around 3 o'clock. The Massachusetts State Police will provide motorcycle escorts for the lead male and female racers.

During the parade and road race, the state police will block off Holyoke exit and entrance ramps on Interstate 91. The ramps will close at 11 a.m. on parade day. In addition, the state police Air Wing will patrol the skies over Holyoke on both days.

Staff writer Michael J. Ballway contributed to this story.

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received citations from state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, and state Sen. Don Humason Jr., R-Westfield.

The Colleen says the entire ride and all the events have been the best time of her life. Muszynski is a student at Holyoke Catholic High School and only knew court member and classmate Michaela Calabrese prior to entering the competition. The other three members of the court are all students at Agawam High School.

"It's been such a wonderful experience and I have made so many great friends that will be lasting a lifetime," said Muszynski.

She said group has been participating in at least one

activity a week together since the coronation, including an Irish tea, the Gathering of Colleens from around the region, and most recently, a meet-and-greet at Cooper's Commons, an activity started last year.

The group greeted younger girls at Cooper's and Muszynski allowed the children to wear her crown and pose for photos.

"It was so awesome seeing how the girls wanted to be like us and be a Colleen," said Muszynski. "It was really inspiring."

Following the parade, the Colleen and court will participate in another new event. They will serve as "paparazzi" at the Agawam Junior High School "Stars Dinner," where students bring their heroes in for a meal.



Colleen Court member Michaela Calabrese gives a raffle prize to David Bartley at Monday night's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the Agawam Senior Center. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

# Brownies reach for the top

For those of us who have followed the rise of the Agawam High School ice hockey team, what a pleasure and privilege it was to be a part of the contingent that traveled to Boston on Sunday to see everything come together for a Brownies team and coaching staff that has worked so hard during the last six years to build a program back from the ground up.

At that time, the Brownies were just milling around in the basement of Division 3A, and now they have reached the pinnacle of Division 3 at played at the hallowed TD Garden.

Agawam has done so with a great combination of great student-athletes, a committed coaching staff, and a committed fan base.

Upon arriving at the TD Garden, the concourse was filled up with eager students from Agawam High School and several more parents and boosters that were part of the crowd.

Agawam fans took up nearly four sections in the Garden, and they were on fire for the 45-minute affair.

It was a lot of fun to see the great support, which included the leadership of Agawam, the mayor, and members of the City Council and School Committee.

Much of that fan support has been present for the past several years as fans would consistently fill up the smaller confines of Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield.

The 20-plus players on the hockey team deserve the support they have received. They have worked hard all season long, but many members of the team have been working even longer than that.

There are 11 seniors on the team that have been with the Brownies as they have gone through their rise to the top, going from a Division 3A team, to a Division 3A champion, from a Division 3 league champion, to a Division 3 state finalist.

These players should also be commended as they have worked hard and become leaders, and hopefully mentors for the younger players that will be asked to take over next year and try to ascend to similar success. We wish them luck in that quest.

But no matter what happens next year, players, parents, coaches, and fans will always remember their ride from Division 3A all the way to Boston.

Congratulations to the Division 3 state finalist, the Agawam Brownies. Great job to all for representing the community on the other side of the state and it was a pleasure covering the team all the way to the end.

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## FAITH MATTERS

# 'The Lent Brush'

Ash Wednesday kicked off the season of Lent, the 40-day period of time leading up to Easter. Lent is not just a time for us to give up something, although we can learn some valuable lessons by doing that, especially if we replace some bad habits or luxuries with things that might better reflect our walk as Christians. Lent is also a season of change and renewal.

Luckily, it's not the 40 days of "lint," which would be kind of gross. Physical lint can be removed with a lint brush. But we also have what I'll call "spiritual lint," which can be removed by applying the word of scripture to our own lives. The scriptures guide us; they help us to remove the imperfections — the spiritual lint — in our lives. I'll call the scriptures the "Lent Brush."

Lint on clothing is considered unattractive. We all want to be considered attractive, right? Too much

spiritual lint — those negative aspects of our character that are visible to others — also makes us unattractive. We have to get rid of it. We need the "Lent Brush." Lint may actually damage clothing. Most of it comes off with washing, but dryer lint, which collects on the lint screen of a clothes dryer, is highly flammable and presents a fire hazard. You can draw your own parallel about the fiery end that might await people with too much spiritual lint. Lint shed from clothing during the course of wear can also carry bacteria and viruses. Likewise, spiritual lint can make us sick — physically as well as spiritually. Lint can even damage delicate mechanical devices. In order to prevent lint contamination, workers entering clean rooms are

generally required to wear an outer layer of clothing made from artificial fibers that are less likely to shed any material. In like manner we need to "put on the whole armor of God" (as it says in another passage of scripture) to keep the spiritual lint from accumulating on us.

But beware — a lint brush can be used incorrectly. So can the "Lent Brush." 2 Timothy 2:15 says: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." We have to use a lint brush correctly, and we also have to handle the "Lent Brush" of God's word properly. We shouldn't take things out of context. We shouldn't twist the words of scripture to fit

our own agenda. We shouldn't use scriptures as a club over someone else. The "Lent Brush" needs to be used to remove imperfections from our own character, not someone else's. Otherwise, the imperfections remain — or are even worse than before. Just like when a lint brush is used incorrectly.

During this season of Lent, let's use the "Lent Brush" of scripture. Try reading just one of the following chapters in the Bible: 1 John 4, 2 Peter 1, James 1 or Matthew 5. They're all fairly short chapters, and you will get a lot out of reading just one of them. Find a verse or two that resonates with you in some way, and use that as your "Lent Brush" during the 40 days of Lent. May God bless and transform you during this season of Lent.

*Ken Blanchard is pastor of Agawam United Methodist Church.*



## Letters to the Editor

### Housing Committee to meet March 24

The Agawam Housing Committee will meet Tuesday, March 24, at 6 p.m. in the Peirce Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

Members of the committee are James P. Cichetti, Agawam City Council, chair; Corinne M. Wingard, Agawam Housing Authority, vice chair and secretary; Violet Baldwin, Agawam Planning Board; and Anthony Tassone and Chris Pass, Agawam residents appointed by Mayor Richard Cohen.

On the March 24 agenda are an update on the Housing Study; application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a PATH (Planning Assis-

tance Toward Housing) grant to pay for the Housing Production Plan; discussion of the housing section of Walnut Street Extension Mixed Use Business C Zoning; Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's Regional Housing Plan, October 2013; ideas for building public support; and any other business that may legally come before the committee.

As of April 6, the Housing Committee will meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Agawam YMCA, 63 Springfield St., Agawam.

**Corinne M. Wingard**  
Agawam

### Robotics program appreciates school support

Agawam Robotics wishes to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Sue Federico and Mr. Chad Joyal, principal and assistant principal, respectively, of the Agawam Roberta G. Doering School.

This past Wednesday, Agawam Robotics put on a display during the parent conferences. About 100 of the students from this school had taken a field trip to see the high school FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Rosie Robotics team compete at the Mass-Mutual Center on the previous Friday. So, this was an opportunity for those students to follow up on that field trip, but also for others who weren't able to attend to see the robots up close and personal and ask all kinds of questions.

The high school Rosie Robotics team brought its 2012 and 2014 robots, along

with several team members. The two junior high FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) teams, OMG and MIGHTY Mechanics, brought one of their 2015 robots. There was also a FIRST Lego League (FLL, the elementary school program) robot present.

There were a lot of enthusiastic students and parents who stopped by to see the robots, ask questions and get more information.

For more information or to get your name on the lists for the next season, parents can visit [www.agawamrobotics.org/](http://www.agawamrobotics.org/) contact-us or email directly to FTCCoach@agawamrobotics.org.

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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

# The Rudy we will never forget

The 1953 AHS Sachem pictures Jerome Goodwin as superintendent of schools. The '55 Sachem has James Clark but the '54 Sachem doesn't have anyone pictured. To help solve the puzzle you can look in the '57 Sachem under the picture of the class secretary, none other than James Clark's daughter Judy. You will read, "transferred from Rhode Island in sophomore year." She must have had nearly instant popularity as her class voted her class secretary for their junior year, which began in September of 1955. In addition to Judy, Mr. Clark's son Tom was going to be a freshman in the fall of '56, so this hiring of teacher Rudy Altobelli, a business major and star athlete from AIC, would be what we call now a no-brainer.



Walt Willard  
Guest Columnist

Rudy got his feet wet right away in coaching, serving as an assistant football coach for Harry Leonardi. Quarterback Ed Modzelewski '59 told me that Rudy's main job was to work with him and his back-up. When the football season ended, Rudy brought hockey back to Agawam. The last AHS team was in the '30s, so Rudy is considered by many as Agawam's first hockey coach in the modern era. Athletic director Harm Smith must have had confidence in Rudy to ignite a solid program, since he was willing to buy uniforms and equipment for an entire team. Anything that might have been still around from the '30s was probably useless.

The 1956-57 hockey team included seniors James Argiro, John Cowles, Mike Egan, Thomas Flynn, Charles Grasso, Richard Letendre, Robert Liptak, William Mrosz, Jackie Philipps, Eugene Poggi and Thomas Letendre. They were not in a league yet but played an independent schedule.

The '58 Sachem doesn't have a hockey

wins and losses report but speaks of tremendous improvement. Assistant coach Junie Fontana probably helped Rudy with that, but there was probably little or no youth hockey to feed experience into the high school. This was the same thing that happened to soccer 10 years later. Seniors on the '57-58 team were Joe Voislow, Richard Wilson, Emile Daglio, Robert Boden, Vernon Stark and Nicholas Buoniconti.

Rudy coached the hockey team for two more seasons. In the spring of 1964, he became

Agawam's first tennis coach. The team won eight of their 10 matches. The tennis picture in the '65 Sachem was probably that 1964 team and Wayne Morse, Ken Bartschi, Phil De Forge, Jack O'Keefe, Craig Pineo

and Al Bonavita are some of those in the team picture (page 132).

My favorite Rudy picture is on page 159 of the '84 Sachem. Rudy is shown with fellow teacher John Petrone in the faculty variety show. Rudy played Mr. Roarke (Ricardo Montalban) and John played his assistant, Tattoo (Herve Villechaize), characters in the weekly television series "Fantasy Island." Mr. Petrone wore kneepads, moving around on his knees. The audience was in tears, John said, and explained that Rudy liked the kids to see teachers in a different light. Rudy had written the entire skit and a few others in the show.

When the Boston papers wrote their stories about Tom Brady's footballs, they reminded me of one of Rudy's favorite stories when they quoted Brady saying, "My balls are perfect." Rudy was coaching tennis for athletic director Harm Smith many years ago and Harm apparently had purchased the cheaper brand of tennis balls. When the tennis balls got too smooth fairly quickly, Rudy went into Harm's office to-



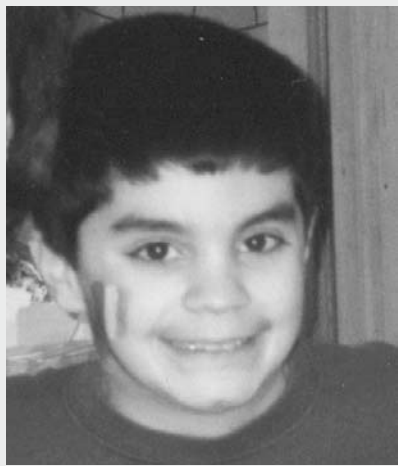
AHS teachers Rudy Altobelli (standing) and John Petrone (kneeling) perform in a faculty show in 1984. SUBMITTED PHOTO

tally upset and hollered to him, "There's no fuzz on my balls." Harm couldn't respond.

We will always remember our annual tax visits with Rudy. He was a smart, talented and lovable friend. Rudy passed away on March 8, but he will never be forgotten by the town of Agawam.

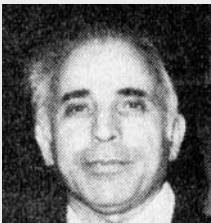
*Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.*

## Are You Old News?



Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). Please include your first and last name.

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Last week's photo: There were no correct submissions received for Gregory Merzel.

## Fitness First to host blood drive

Fitness First Health & Fitness Center, 60 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Wednesday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call 413-786-1460.

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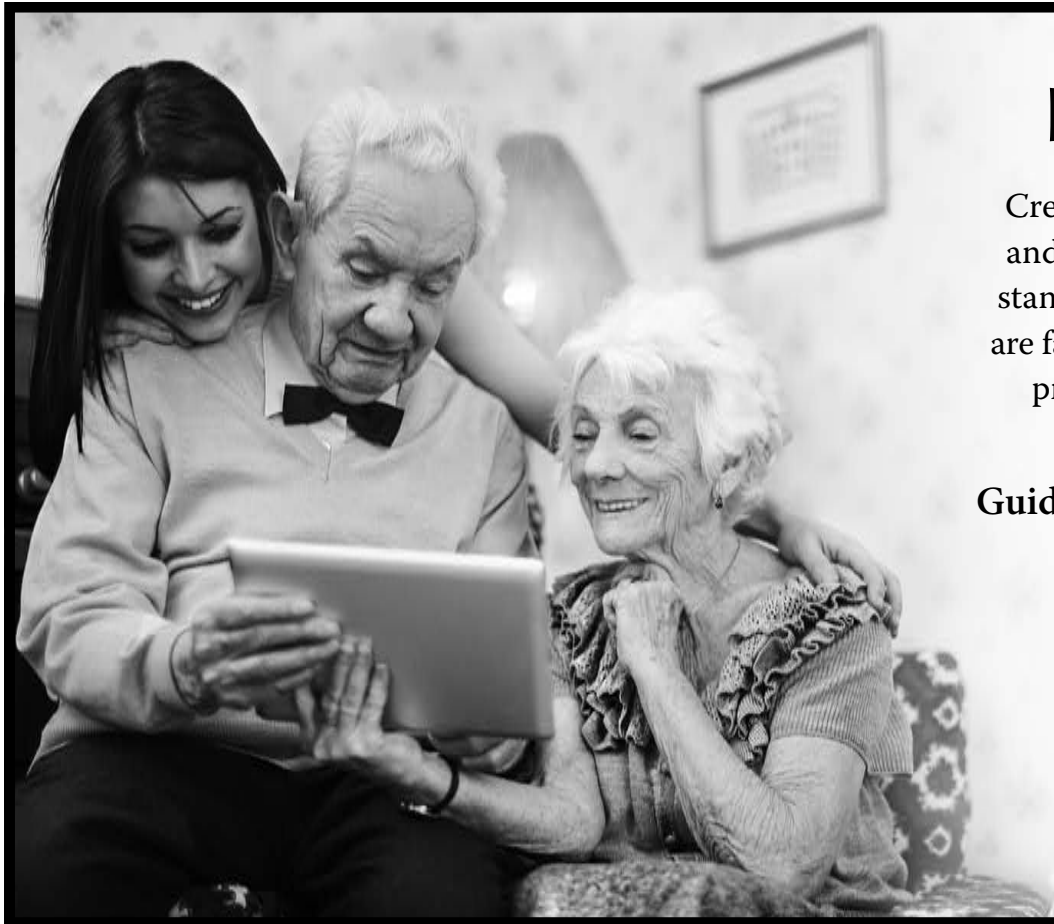
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## New commissioner



John Lebeaux, left, the new commissioner of the state Department of Agricultural Resources, sits with state Sen. Donald Humason Jr. and Humason's 3-year-old son, Quinn. Lebeaux and several local state legislators and their staffs were Humason's guests as a March 13 pancake brunch at Pomeroy Sugar House in Westfield. Agawam state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, Mayor Richard Cohen and Town Clerk Richard Theroux also attended the event. Lebeaux, a former nursery owner from Shrewsbury, said he is eager to learn about the wide variety of agriculture statewide, and "we don't plan to be a stranger" to Western Massachusetts. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

## 'Bad News' expected at dinner dance

*Cultural Council chairman to receive state leadership award*

The Agawam Cultural Council expects to hear "Bad News" at the upcoming dinner dance fundraiser — but that's a good thing. The Bad News Jazz & Blues Orchestra will be the featured musical act at the Friday, May 29, event to be held at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills.

The evening begins with a social hour at 5 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing until 10 p.m. to the sounds of the Pioneer Valley's newest big band jazz group. The 18-piece group, complete with vocalist, will provide original big band-style jazz and swing music throughout the evening.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council will also present its 2015 Local Cultural Council Leadership Circle Award to Bob Kadis, chairman of the Agawam Cultural Council, in recognition of his exceptional volunteer work to expand opportunities for residents to participate in arts and culture in Agawam. Kadis was nominated for the award by members of the Agawam Cultural Council.

Tickets to the dinner dance are \$45 per person, with tables of eight, 10 and 12 available. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Maryellen Sullivan at 413-575-1759 or rudee38@comcast.net. Tickets may also be obtained by sending a check made out to Agawam Cultural Council with a self-ad-

ressed, stamped envelope to Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001, Attn.: Fundraiser.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Agawam Cultural Council's "Give Back to the Community" program. The program, which is funded entirely by the council's own local fundraising efforts, has made possible such activities as writing contests, productions by Shakespeare & Co. at Agawam High School, the Applause Series, donations to support the Captain Charles Leonard House, the Agawam Public Library and the Friends of the Agawam Public Library Juried Art and Photo Show, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Musical Petting Zoo presented to kindergarten students at all Agawam elementary schools, and tickets to Majestic Theater Summer Programs for children participating in library-held contests.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

Learn more about the Agawam Cultural Council at [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

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required by Massachusetts law.

According to Sirois' figures, it costs \$66,237 to fund fire inspection services, but the position only generated \$15,140 in revenues from inspection fees, meaning the taxpayers currently have to subsidize the inspection services budget.

That's "because the fee schedule has not been updated," Sirois stated. "The cost of delivering services has far outrun the revenue generated to offset those costs."

With the new fees and existing fee increases, Sirois estimates the town could collect about \$39,000 per year, thus decreasing the burden on taxpayers.

During a Legislative Subcommittee meeting prior to the full council meeting, four city councilors evaluated the ordinance update.

Councilor George Bitzas questioned whether Sirois should charge a \$10 for outdoor burning permits during burning season. He also questioned whether the fee is seasonal or is charged for each individual fire.

Sirois explained burning permits issued would be for the entire burning season, from January to the end of April. He also said issuing a permit with a fee would require residents to physically make contact with the Fire Department.

"We currently issue burning permits over the phone, where we take down people's information and then give them their safety instructions about managing fires," said Sirois. "Now, a person has to come in and talk with us in person. It allows for more direct contact with the residents we are granting permits to."

Councilor Paul Cavallo said the idea was a good one, and could limit some liability on the town's part for burning piles that get out of control. Sirois says the town grants many burning permits each year. He also said the Fire Department has to respond to many fires that get out of control.

Overall, councilors in the subcommittee felt the increases were fair and in line with other communities. Many of the inspections required apply to businesses and industrial properties with flammable materials.

City councilors during the regular meeting found no issue with the proposal.

The ordinance also includes a provision for a false alarm ordinance that fines residents and businesses for more than four false alarms. The fine for the fifth false alarm in a 12-month period is \$200, with a \$100 fee for each subsequent false alarm.



Games and Lanes is seen from the northwest, with businesses across Walnut Street Extension in the background, in January 2015. FILE PHOTO

## GAMES ■ from page 1

town by tax title, but the taxpayers would then become immediately responsible for cleaning up the environmental issues.

Peter says he hopes SRT can help redevelop the property and sell it so it can be a productive business in the area.

The town is currently in the process of developing a concept drawing for Walnut Street Extension in order to revitalize the area, including additional parking, a walking promenade, and other beautifications.

Last week, business owners in the area sounded off on the project, with one business owner stating that without a cleanup of Games and Lanes, the rest of the beautification work would be meaningless. Councilor Robert Rossi also has been vocal about Games and Lanes needing to be addressed before any real work in the area begins.

He voted against spending the funds, asking why the town has to spend the money on the assessment if it is going to be taken over by a party in the private sector.

Councilors George Bitzas and Joseph Mineo responded, saying the money for the assessment is a necessary step to move the process forward.

"If we don't make the investment, the property could stay the way it is now," said Mineo. "I don't know what other options we have. That property could stay that way for another 15 years." Dachos recommended the town work with the private sector so the site could be remediated and eventually re-developed. He says SRT could help make that possible.

"Companies such as SRT have actual experience with clean-up activities and are willing to incur the risk," Dachos stated in a February memorandum to the city council. "All efforts should be made to encourage this path."

SRT is the latest potential buyer for the property. Last year, the council approved a mixed-use zone that will allow flexibility for the business on Walnut Street Extension. During consideration, the council was approached by an individual, Scott Petlock of Ware, who expressed interest in cleaning up the Games and Lanes property if the zone change were approved.

Despite approval, Petlock never moved forward with a purchase of the property.

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## POLICE LOG

*The Agawam Police Department responded to 314 calls for service from March 10 to March 16. The department made four arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.*

### Tuesday, March 10

Sergey K. Domnenko, 48, of 36 Melrose Place, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

### Thursday, March 12

Clifford Morrell, Sr., 49, of 24 Anthony St., Windsor Locks, Conn., was arrested on two counts of domestic assault and battery, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

### Sunday, March 15

Scott David Malnati, 48, of 215 Middle St., Apt. 46, Weymouth, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

### Monday, March 16

Sarah Louise Chesner-Grant, 23, of 19 Summer St., Amherst, was arrested on a warrant.

## FIRE LOG

*Logs for March 10-16 were not available from the Fire Department by press time. They will be printed in next week's Agawam Advertiser News.*

## Newest Bravest



Pictured at a swearing-in ceremony held March 9 at Agawam Town Hall are, from left, Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois, new paramedic firefighters Joel Barler and Scott Gates, and Mayor Richard Cohen. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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# Obituaries & Church News

## Holy Week services, luncheons scheduled

The Agawam Clergy Association will celebrate Holy Week with services and luncheons Monday, March 30, through Friday, April 3. Services will be held at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam, beginning at noon each day. Lunch will be provided following the service at no charge.

Preachers and hosts for lunch this year are as follows:

**Monday, March 30:** Pastor Brad Peterson, Hope Community Church

## News, upcoming events at Agawam Congregational

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., “a place to call home — a people to call family.” Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with a children’s message, church school fellowship and coffee hour following.

**Thursday mornings:** Playgroup, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Open to the public. The program follows the Agawam Public School schedule.

**Saturday, March 21:** 7:30 a.m., Men’s Ministry meeting at Bobbie J’z.

**Sunday, March 22:** 10 a.m., worship service, church school and coffee hour.

**Monday, March 23:** 7 p.m., Women’s Ministry meeting in friendship room.

**Wednesday, March 25:** 9 a.m., newsletter collation.

**Tuesday, March 31:** Pastor George Thomson, First Baptist Church

**Wednesday, April 1:** Pastor Greg Dawson, Agawam Congregational Church

**Thursday, April 2:** Pastor Richard Adams, Bethany Assembly of God

**Friday, April 3:** Pastor Rob Donaldson, Feeding Hills Congregational Church

The offerings in their entirety will be given to feed the hungry in the Pioneer Valley. The public is invited.

## Holy Week services at Agawam Congregational

The public is invited to celebrate Holy Week at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Following is a schedule of services.

**March 29:** Palm Sunday, 10 a.m. worship service with Choir Cantata, “The Way of the Cross Leads Home.”

**April 2:** 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service.

**Sunday, April 5:** 10 a.m., Easter Service with children’s pageant and Easter “eggstravaganza.”

## Giant tag sale at Agawam Congregational

Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., will host a two-day giant tag sale, Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to clothes and accessories, the tag sale will include toys and games, books, kitchen articles, household items and more. There will also be a bake sale.

Vendors are welcome. For more information, call 413-786-7111. The public is welcome.

## Bishop offers reflection on ‘joy of the Gospel’

Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a “Lenten Evening Reflection” with Bishop Mitchell Rozanski, Wednesday, March 25, at 7 p.m. The topic of the presentation is “Putting Pope Francis’ Joy of the Gospel into Everyday Life,” based on the encyclical by Pope Francis.

A light supper will be served between 5:30 and 6:45 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. There is no charge for the evening, but a free will offering will be accepted for the supper. The hall accommodates 220 people.

For more information, contact Jean Raczkowski at 413-786-8200, ext. 3.

## Hymns, pie on night of March 27

Hope Community Church, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host its Hymn & Pie Night on Friday, March 27, from 7 to 9 pm. Although primarily contemporary in their Sunday worship, each year Hope dusts off the hymnbooks to sing some old favorite hymns, after which the congregation gathers together to eat delicious pie. It’s casual, inspirational and fun.

Participants are welcome to bring a pie to share, if possible, but it is not required.

For more information, visit the church Facebook page, “Hope Community Church Hymn & Pie Night 2015,” the website, [www.hopechurchagawam.org](http://www.hopechurchagawam.org) or call Lou Kochanek, director of worship and the arts, at 413-885-4932.

### DEATH NOTICES

**Altobelli, Rudolfo**  
Died March 8, 2015  
Funeral March 12, 2015  
New England Funeral & Cremation Center  
Springfield

**DiSanti, Rita M.**  
Died Feb. 12, 2015  
Graveside Service March 28, 2015  
St. Michael’s Cemetery  
Springfield

**Ginchereau, Alfred O.**  
Died March 15, 2015  
Funeral March 18, 2015  
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home  
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**Perron, Steven W.**  
Died March 6, 2015  
Funeral March 20, 2015  
Boule Funeral Home  
Fall River

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[www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com)

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m.  
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[agawamumc@gmail.com](mailto:agawamumc@gmail.com)  
[www.agawamworship.org](http://www.agawamworship.org)

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
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Offsite Worship:  
Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.  
Heritage North, 1st Tuesdays, 11 a.m.  
Heritage Woods, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.  
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**BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
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WORSHIP SERVICES  
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Nightlife Contemporary Service: Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF REDEMPTION**  
50 Maple St., Agawam  
(413) 304-2313  
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WORSHIP SERVICES  
Summer Schedule

Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children

**FAITH BIBLE CHURCH**  
370 Shoemaker Lane  
Agawam  
(413) 786-1681  
[jesussaves.7@comcast.net](mailto:jesussaves.7@comcast.net)  
Church Website: [www.faithbible-church.org](http://www.faithbible-church.org)  
Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES  
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Pastor: Rev. George Thomson

SUNDAY SERVICES  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School (grades K - 5) following Children’s Message until 10:45  
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789-2026

SUNDAY SERVICES  
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Feeding Hills, MA  
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Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

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[www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org](http://www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org)  
Fr. Steven Amo

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Confessions: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m.  
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.  
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[www.stdavidsagawam.org](http://www.stdavidsagawam.org).

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
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Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., Latin Mass 12:30 p.m.  
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# In the Classroom

## Career Tech students to compete at state leadership conference

Two Agawam High School students attending Lower Pioneer Valley Career Technology Education Center were awarded medals at the Massachusetts Skills USA 28th annual West District Leadership and Skills Conference, held March 10 at McCann Vocational Technical High School in North Adams.

CTEC's Skills USA chapter vice-president Abigail Cunningham won a silver medal in the "Under 500-Hour" cosmetology competition.

CTEC's Skills USA officer Brian Thomas won a silver medal in the culinary arts competition.

Cunningham and Thomas will compete in the state Leadership and Skills Conference in Marlborough on April 30, May 1 and 2.

Skills USA is a national student organization for students enrolled in technical, skilled, and service career and vocational technical programs, including health occupations

The major emphasis of Skills USA is the development of essential employability, participative and attitude development skills as called for in the U.S. Department of Labor's Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) Report.

In addition to Cunningham and Thomas, this year's CTEC Chapter of Skills USA officers includes Justin Nazario of Agawam, chapter ambassador.

## Junior Women scholarships available

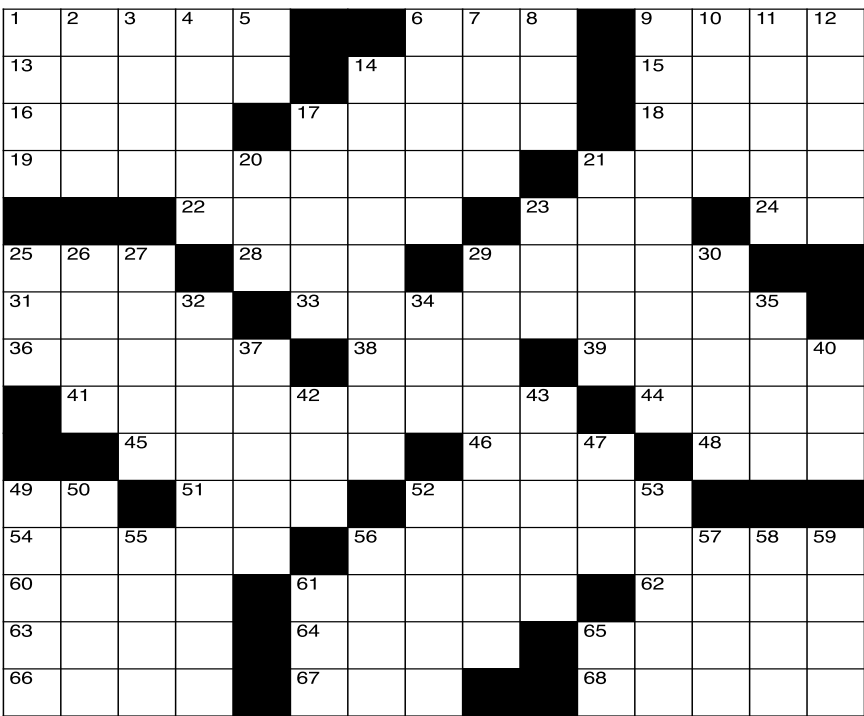
The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club is once again accepting applications for scholarships that will be awarded to deserving high school seniors who reside in Agawam or Feeding Hills and are planning to further their education in the current year. Applicants for the AJWC General Scholarship will be considered with an emphasis placed on those individuals who have volunteered in the community. Additionally, the Mouneimneh Future Teacher Scholarship for \$1,000 will be awarded to a senior who is pursuing a degree in education.

Both scholarship applications are avail-

able online on the AHS website under the "counseling" tab. Agawam and Feeding Hills residents who are high school seniors but do not attend AHS can access the applications online or at their respective high schools. Both scholarship applications must be postmarked by April 1 and returned to GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001, Attn: Janine Iacolo. For more information, email Iacolo at [info@agawamgfwc.com](mailto:info@agawamgfwc.com).

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, one of the largest female volunteer organizations in the world.

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55. Strong air current  
56. Hunting device  
57. One who is wise  
58. Amounts of time  
59. Soft-finned fishes  
61. Beats per minute  
65. Carrier's invention

## Excellent teachers recognized

Five teachers at Agawam schools were recently selected as Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award winners. Local honorees, selected by their peers or administrative staff, are Jennifer Allard, a first-year teacher at Agawam High School; Kelly Daignault of Robinson Park School; Kimberly Hebert-Donovan of AHS; Donna Ferraiolo of Roberta Doering School; and Sandee Johnson of Agawam Junior High School.

Each honored teacher will receive \$500 for her own personal use, an engraved plaque, two tickets for a May 7 celebration dinner in Holyoke, a letter of commendation from Gov. Charlie Baker and a three-month membership to a local YMCA or Jewish Community Center. Additionally, each winner will receive a grant to take one graduate course at Bay Path University, Elms College, Western New England University or Westfield State University.

According to a memo released by the superintendent's office, 24 Agawam educators were nominated for this honor.

## Career Tech students place 3rd in national competition

Agawam High School students Samantha Gregory and Mark Botnaru were part of the winning team that placed third in the nation in the DECA/FIDM competition. Both students attend Lower Pioneer Valley Career and Technical Education Center in the fashion technology program.

Participants in the competition first had to forecast a fashion trend for fall 2015. Participants then styled an outfit that their consumer demographic would wear depicting this up-and-coming trend, and showed an example of the trend. They had to spend no more than \$20 on materials. Lastly, participants explained why, based on their research, they believed in their trend forecast.

The top three teams will be recognized on state at DECA's International Career Development Conference to be held in Orlando, Fla.

A video of the team's competition can be viewed at <http://youtu.be/bDtrf8wo8Zc>.

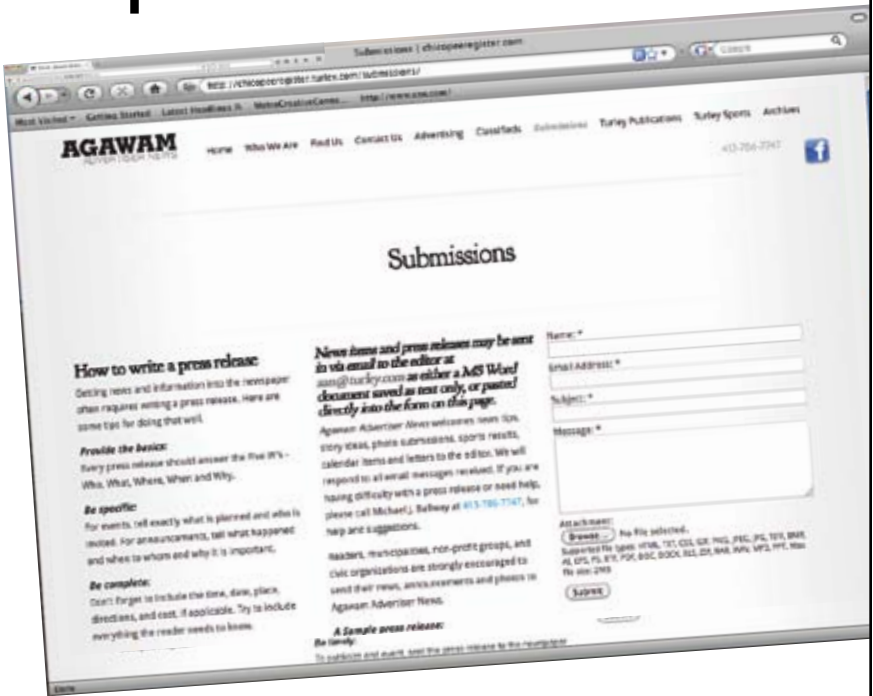
## Schools, police warn of social media dangers

The Agawam Public Schools and the Agawam Police Department will hold a social media awareness night on Thursday, April 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School auditorium, 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

There will be student presenters from the NetSmartz Teen Advisory Board, the Hampden County district attorney's office, Agawam Police Department, and state law enforcement agencies. The presentation will focus on the new forms of social media, legal issues involving social media and the dangers associated with social media, as well as ways parents can monitor their children's social media accounts for safety and security.

Parents, students of all grades and ages, and the community are welcome to attend this presentation and there will be a dessert reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. prior to the informational session.

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# In the Classroom

## SCHOOL AGENDA

### Regular School Committee Meeting

**Roberta G. Doering School**  
**68 Main St.**  
**Tuesday, March 24 – 7 p.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Roll call of attendance
4. Regular meeting – 7 p.m.
5. Citizen’s speak time
6. Highlights on Education:
  - a. Presentation of Agawam Academic A
7. Superintendent’s notes
8. Student Advisory Committee representative up-date
9. Unfinished Business:
  - a. SCR-15-06, Approval of use of the Agawam Junior High School auditorium for a dance recital on June 20,

- 2015, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. by the Mary Ann Studio of Dance
10. Business meeting:
    - a. Routine Matters
      - 1) Approval of minutes
      - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
    - b. Warrants/Transfers
    - c. Reports:
      - 1). Scheduled reports:
        - Personnel update (paper report)
        - Financial update – R. Clickstein
        - SPED Program update – A. Rist and K. Cass
    - 2). Subcommittee updates
  11. New business:
    - a. SCR-15-07, Approval of use of AHS gymnasium by the Academy of Artistic Performance for a baton contest on April 12, 2015
    - b. SCR-15-08, Request to reschedule half-day of professional development
  12. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
  13. Adjournment

## School Lunch

### AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school’s website.

### AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Monday, March 23: Cheeseburger on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, potato wedges, diced peach cup, chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, March 24: Waffles with sliced ham, hash browns, turkey sausage links, diced peach cup, orange juice cup.
- Wednesday, March 25: Rotini with meatballs, whole-wheat breadstick, parsleyed carrots, fresh fruit, Dole Fruit Push-Up.
- Thursday, March 26: Barbeque pulled pork sandwich, vegetarian baked beans, curly fries, wacky cake, chilled fruit.
- Friday, March 27: French bread pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

### ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL

- Monday, March 23: Cheeseburger on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, potato wedges, diced peach cup, chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, March 24: Waffles with sliced ham, hash browns, turkey sausage links, diced peach cup, orange juice cup.
- Wednesday, March 25: Rotini with meatballs, whole-wheat breadstick, parsleyed carrots, fresh fruit, Dole Fruit Push-Up.
- Thursday, March 26: Barbeque pulled pork sandwich, vegetarian baked beans, curly fries, wacky cake, chilled fruit.
- Friday, March 27: French bread pizza, salad with

light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

### AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Monday, March 23: Cheeseburger on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, potato wedges, diced peach cup, chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, March 24: Waffles with sliced ham, hash browns, turkey sausage links, diced peach cup, orange juice cup.
- Wednesday, March 25: Rotini with meatballs, whole-wheat breadstick, parsleyed carrots, fresh fruit, Dole Fruit Push-Up.
- Thursday, March 26: Barbeque pulled pork sandwich, vegetarian baked beans, curly fries, wacky cake, chilled fruit.
- Friday, March 27: French bread pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

### ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, March 23: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
- Tuesday, March 24: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Nutri-Grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
- Wednesday, March 25: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
- Thursday, March 26: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
- Friday, March 27: Mini chocolate chip pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, chilled juice.



Agawam Junior High School students stand up for a lesson on French vocabulary given by honors students from the high school during Foreign Language Week earlier this month. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Honors students give creative lessons in languages

By Michael J. Ballway  
*mballway@turlay.com*

For a couple days earlier this month, some of Agawam High School’s top foreign language students went back to junior high — as teachers.

Groups of students from French 4 Honors and Spanish 4 Honors classes taught lessons as part of Foreign Language Week at Agawam Junior High School, on March 3 and March 6. At a meeting last week, the School Committee applauded the students and their teachers.

“The role models that are the best are the peers,” said School Committee member Wendy Rua. “That’s the key — inspiring these kids to sign up and want to take a language.”

Though high schoolers have been teaching classes at the junior high annually for years, teacher Nancy Kundl said this year’s student-led French lessons focused more on culture, less on grammar. The lessons were also designed to get younger students excited and active, and the high schoolers were encouraged to get creative.

“No two groups were the same,” said Alexis Price, a junior taking honors Spanish. “We had a party theme. [We] did dancing, games, party food, pop music. We all connected with the kids awesomely. I know another group had a camping theme — set-

ting up tents in the middle of the classroom.”

Allie Rubeck, a senior, said her group taught a lesson about French contributions to world society, talking about famous French people in disciplines such as fashion and science.

“A lot of the kids actually identified these people, knew what their contributions were,” Ruck said. “

Seventh and eighth graders weren’t the only ones learning a lesson, noted honors French student Dan Garvey.

“Us being 11th graders, going back to the junior high, seeing how far I’ve come was beneficial, because sometimes I have trouble with French, too,” Garvey said. “Now I know how a teacher feels.”

Rubeck was participating in her second Foreign Language Week, after having taught Spanish as an honors Spanish student her sophomore year, before switching to French. She said she had fun planning the lessons. Price, too, had praise for the program.

“This has easily been one of the most fun and exciting things we’ve ever done in foreign language class,” Price said.

Kundl teaches French 4 Honors, as well as other courses in French and Italian. Nancy Miller teaches Spanish 4 Honors, as well as other courses in French and Spanish.

## Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

**College Acceptances:** Tara Graham: UMass Amherst; Jeff Leclerc: University of Connecticut, UMass Amherst, Bryant University; Clement Hagenimana: University of Hartford, Western New England University; Sarah Bassette: Asnuntuck Community College; Tyler Brouillette: Springfield Technical Community College

**Academy Day:** Congressman Richard E. Neal will be hosting this on April 26 at 12:30 p.m. at Westover Air Reserve Base, Wing Conference Center. This is an opportunity to meet U.S. service academy representatives from West Point, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy as well as representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), Norwich University and Mass Maritime Academy. Attendees will learn about academy life from cadets and/or midshipmen as well as the nominations and appointments process for academies. Pre-registration is required for this event by April 3. Visit [neal.house.gov](http://neal.house.gov) for details and registration form.

**Springfield National College Fair:** NACAC invites students to the Big E on Sunday, April 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. Register for the college fair at [www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com).

It will save you time by providing you with a personalized barcode that can be scanned at each booth rather than having to write your information multiple times. You may also view a list of participating institutions by clicking on the college fair link on the same website. Check the list often for updates.

**STCC STEM Academy:** Open to seniors with a minimum 2.00 GPA who are interested in pursuing a STEM career (science, technology, engineering or math field) and plan on attending STCC in the fall. This academy begins in the summer and is free for accepted participants. Program participants earn a \$400 stipend, free college courses, attend free field trips to learn more about STEM careers, hear from STEM experts and participate in hands-on activities with some of the STEM professors. Interested applicants must submit a STCC admissions application for the fall and a STEM Starter Academy application. The STEM Starter Academy application is available at [www.stcc.edu/stemacademy/](http://www.stcc.edu/stemacademy/). Students must submit both applications by May 1.

**Scholarships:** See your counselor for more information or an application.

## CAMPUS NOTES...

**Lower Pioneer Valley Career and Technical Education Center:** Joshua Shea, of Agawam, was named Automotive Technology I February Student of the Month.

**Western New England University:** Andrew Ardolino, Bethany Schivley and Cassandra Johnson, of Agawam; and Aaron Tauscher, Cedrick Giberson and Lindsey Westlund, of Feeding Hills, received degrees at ceremonies held Feb. 15.

**Westfield State University:** Carole Duquette, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester dean’s list.

### Epilepsy nonprofit sponsors Purple Day next week

Colin’s Cruisers, a new nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children with epilepsy, has announced its first two events. Thursday, March 26, is “Purple Day,” a day to support epilepsy around the world. Agawam public schools are showing support by having a district-wide dress-down day, as well as wearing purple. Faculty and staff will be making donations toward start-up costs for Colin’s Cruisers.

On March 28, Java Stop at 1226 Springfield St. will donate 10 percent of the day’s sales and the Colin’s Cruisers team will be outside the shop collecting donations and holding raffles from 7 a.m. to noon.

## Library showing student artwork

In celebration of Youth Art Month in March, the Agawam Public Library is displaying works from Agawam public school students in kindergarten through grade 8.

The artwork of students in kindergarten through grade 6 will be showcased in the upper level gallery walls, in the Johnson Memorial, double glass

and downstairs cases, and on the tops of the lower level bookshelves. The mediums will include clay and paper mache sculptures, small and large weavings, as well as a variety of drawings, paintings and mixed media artwork.

Students in grades 7 and 8 will exhibit 2-D work on the lower level gallery walls.





Members of Agawam and Wilbraham women's clubs stand with the breast cancer comfort pillows they made. Submitted photo

## Junior Women come together for cancer patients

Nine members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club joined with nine Wilbraham Junior Women's Club members on Feb. 26 to create breast cancer comfort pillows. This joint workshop produced 160 pillows

that will be donated to Baystate Medical Center for breast cancer patients. In addition to these pillows, dozens of other pillows in various stages of completion were left to be finished at another time.

## Seniors

### Golden Agers to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam Golden Agers, Chapter 2, will host a trip to the Mohegan Sun Casino on Monday, April 6. The cost of this trip is \$25 per person and includes a \$15 meal voucher, two \$10 big wheel bets, deluxe motor coach and driver gratuity. This trip is

open to the public. The bus will leave from Sacred Heart Church parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at 5:15 p.m.

For more information or reservations, contact Art Usher at 413-786-3567.

### Agawam Senior Center

#### Lunch Menu

**Monday, March 23:** Cheeseburger casserole, spring salad, pears.

**Tuesday, March 24:** Baked chicken, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, peaches.

**Wednesday, March 25:** Pasta fagioli soup, egg salad on whole-wheat, potato salad, baked good.

**Thursday, March 26:** Chicken potpie, puff pastry, mixed vegetables, beet salad, pudding.

**Friday, March 27:** Linguini and red clam sauce, Caesar salad, mandarin oranges.

#### Calendar of Events

**Monday, March 23:** 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

**Tuesday, March 24:** SHINE Representative Available (by appt.); 9 a.m., Knitting Class, Sewing Class; 10 a.m., Computer Tech Club Meets; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("The Grand Budapest Hotel"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30

p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

**Wednesday, March 25:** 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Ballroom Lessons, Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 Meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; 6 p.m., Evening Seminar with John Dee.

**Thursday, March 26:** Free Tax Prep (by appointment only); 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6 p.m., Cancer Support Group; 6:30 p.m., Pitch, Evening Line Dancing.

**Friday, March 27:** 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

#### Tag sale

The Agawam Senior Center will once again host a weeklong tag sale March 23 through March 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public is invited to stop by. Someone's "trash" may be your treasure.

## Sign up now for 'Lace 'em Up for Lexi'

The seventh annual Lace 'em Up for Lexi 5K Run-Walk will be held Saturday, May 30, at Agawam Junior High School. The race is held in memory of Lexi Jagodowski to benefit Griffin's Friends, a cancer charity that brings moments of joy to courageous kids.

Lexi lost her life to cancer in September 2008 and was one of many children that have received help from Griffin's Friends.

The morning will include fun for the whole family. Applications and information are available online at [www.Lexi96.org](http://www.Lexi96.org) and on Facebook. Runners are encouraged to sign up early this year.



Lexi Jagodowski

## Register for caregiver workshops

Greater Springfield Senior Services will offer Powerful Tools for Caregivers, a free six-week series of workshops designed to provide caregivers with the skills needed to take care of themselves and become better caregivers. It will be offered Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. beginning April 8 at Heritage Woods Assisted Living Community, 462 Main St., Agawam.

Class size is limited, so register by April 1 by calling Greater Springfield Senior Services, 413-781-8806 ext. 306. Powerful Tools is not a support group and is not meant for professional caregivers.

"Powerful Tools helps caregivers learn to reduce stress, better communicate their feelings, find balance, and increase their ability to make tough decisions," said Karen Martin, community services director at Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. "Participants will learn how to locate help-

ful resources and become more confident in their role as caregivers. Through interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming, participants get the tools they need to use when they go home."

According to Martin, this popular series is being offered in the evening to accommodate working caregivers. "Our last two sessions were held in the afternoon, and we received many calls from people who worked during the day and could not attend."

The sessions will be conducted by Brenda Labbe and Anna Wilkinson, elder care advisors at Greater Springfield Senior Services.

Participants will receive the Caregiver Helpbook, which was developed specifically for the class. A \$10 registration fee is requested to help defray the cost of the \$30 book.

## Chazan named director of programs at VOC

Jamie Chazan, of Feeding Hills, has been appointed director of programs at the Valley Opportunity Council. Chazan was formerly the director of VOC's Women, Infants and Children program and has been with the organization since 2006.

As director of programs, Chazan will supervise 15 VOC programs within four departments: College and Career Pathways, Adult Education, Homeless Services and Senior Services, along with submitting the agency's workplan to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Since taking on her role as director of programs, Chazan has established an additional Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site, which enables



Jamie Chazan

VOC to aid more low- and moderate-income families.

Along with her prior experience at VOC as WIC director, Chazan was also a GEAR UP Educational Advisor from 2006 to 2011, where she developed and oversaw after-school and summer incentive-based tutoring and mentoring programs to assist students dealing with academic, attendance and social issues to prepare for college.

Chazan earned her bachelor of arts degree in English from Western New England University in 2005, and is currently working toward her master of education degree in higher education administration from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

## Egg hunt to include craft, puppet show

Hope Community Church, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will hold its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4, at 1 p.m. Activities will feature making an Easter craft; a puppet show, "Let God be God,"

with large puppets, music and black light at the Red Door Theatre; and, of course, an Easter egg hunt. Children in grades 5 and under are welcome to attend with accompanying adult. This event is free.

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# Town rolling out rain barrel sale

The town of Agawam will be selling rain barrels again this spring. According to the DPW Environmental Project Coordinator Tracy DeMaio, “Rain barrels have become very popular in Agawam. More and more residents are using them, making water conservation a way of life in their homes, while also helping to reduce the impacts of storm water run off on Agawam’s wetlands, rivers, and streams.”

A rain barrel collects rain water from the roof and stores it for use during dry weather to water house plants or outside gardens. Collecting water in a rain barrel takes pressure off the water supply and stormwater management systems. Using the rainwater on gardens helps to replenish groundwater and benefits the water supply. Collected rainfall is especially valuable during droughts or dry conditions. It contains more nutrients and less salts than tap water, which is good for plants.

The rain barrels are made from 55-gallon recycled food grade barrels in a terra cotta color. The fully screened intake port keeps mosquitoes, insects, and debris out. The lid can be removed for easy cleaning and for storing hoses inside the barrel during the winter. The solid brass threaded spigot can be connected to a regular hose or soaker hose. The overflow connector and tubing can be used to direct water away from the foundation or to join multiple barrels for additional storage capacity.

The town is taking orders with payment through Friday, April 10, and has scheduled a rain barrel pick-up day on Saturday, April 18, at the Department of Public Works, 1000 Suffield St., from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$60 per barrel. To order, send or drop off payment and order form to the DPW. Make checks payable to “Jack Miller.” Order forms are available at [www.agawam.ma.us](http://www.agawam.ma.us) or at the DPW.

## Lunker Trout Derby set for April 19

The 26th annual Mawaga Lunker Trout Derby is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, at 377 Adams St., Agawam. A full breakfast will be offered at 7 a.m. Lunch will also be available.

Fishing will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a \$15 donation and no limit on trout. Bait will be available. No license is required. The day’s events will also include a giant raffle and door prizes.

Cash prizes for largest trout will be awarded at \$500 for first place and \$100 for second place. There will also be a \$100 prize for tagged trout pool plus \$100 random size match.

Ticket sales are limited so all those that are interested are encouraged to register early. The public is welcome.

For more information, call 413-262-7401 or 413-265-0851.



Displaying woven afghans donated by Cooper's Gifts & Curtains to be used in the upcoming St. Patrick's Day parade are, from left, court members Allison Schwartz, Alissa O'Connell and Marisa Ewing; Kate Gourde, owner of Cooper's; Colleen Lauren Muszynski; and court member Michaela Calabrese. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Cooper's donates afghans to Colleen and court

Cooper's Gifts & Curtains, 161 Main St., Agawam, donated its exclusive woven shamrock afghans to the Agawam Colleen and court. The throws are personalized for each girl with embroidery.

“We hope that they will keep them warm on parade day and be a treasured keepsake,” said Kate Gourde, owner. “We salute these lovely ambassadors of good will, community spirit and Irish heritage. Congratulations.”

The girls visited Cooper's on March 15 for Cooper's Colleen Connection, a meet-and-greet event. Young girls

from town were encouraged to come meet the Colleen and court and pose for pictures. During the event, the afghans were presented to this year's Colleen and court.

“The blankets are such a generous gift from Kate,” said Mary Jo Safford of the Agawam St. Patrick's Colleen Committee. “They will look beautiful on parade day and it is wonderful to have something the girls can enjoy as a remembrance of this experience. We cannot thank Kate and Cooper's enough.”

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## Tickets for ‘Live from Nashville’ trip available

St. John's Travelers, of St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam, will host a trip to the Garde Arts Center, 325 State St., New London, Conn., for a showing of “Live from Nashville” on Thursday, April 16.

“Live from Nashville” is a production direct from Music City that stars singers and dancers and a bona fide band of

Nashville musicians. Tickets are \$74 per person and include roundtrip motor coach transportation, free buffet, the afternoon matinee and driver's gratuity.

The bus will depart St. John's Church at 8 a.m. and will return at 6 p.m. For reservations, call Emile Cote at 413-335-9440.

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# SPORTS

HOCKEY

## Watertown tops Agawam in finals

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

BOSTON – It was an experience coach Rich Feeley and the Agawam ice hockey team will remember forever.

Last Sunday afternoon in front of a hundred of their hometown fans, the Brownies stepped on to the ice for the first time in Boston's TD Garden, the home ice of the famed Boston Bruins, and played Watertown, a Boston-area team in the state finals.

The Brownies earned the opportunity after battling to a 5-2 win over North Middlesex in the state semis.

It came down to a couple of late goals that made the difference as Watertown defeated the Western Mass. champions 2-1.

Agawam had the privilege of wearing their home white uniforms and traveled through the Boston Bruins tunnel for the first time. Feeley said he had never coached a team all the way to the Garden and basked in the ambience of the environment.

The Brownies were not alone, with several fan buses that traveled out to the Garden to see the game, including many screaming kids representing the student body at the high school. Mayor Richard Cohen and members of the school committee and city council also made the trip to Boston to support the team.

Agawam got comfortable on the ice early in the game, holding a huge advantage over Watertown with a 13-4 shot advantage.

But Watertown was excellent on defense, and broke up a lot of plays and had an excellent goalie in Anthony Busconi. Busconi stopped a lot of different Brownie approaches. Their defense took care of the rest and Watertown held their own for the first 15:00.

Watertown grabbed the first goal of the game with 6:16 remaining in the second period with Tyler Gardiner scoring from the left side and sending a wrist into the upper left of the net.



The Brownies' Joe Mercadante takes a faceoff. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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STATE SEMI FINALS

## Brownies bounce back to down Patriots

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

SPRINGFIELD – It took just about a minute for the Agawam hockey team to get going, and after that, the Brownies were off to the races.

Agawam scored five answered goals after falling behind 2-0 in the Massachusetts Division 3 State Semifinals against North Middlesex and scored the victory 5-2 last Thursday night at the MassMutual Center.

After battling to a scoreless deadlock in the first period, Agawam had a shot advantage 14-9. But North Middlesex scored two goals in the first 3:10 of the period to take a 2-0 lead.

Agawam responded right back with a John Passerini redirect that found the goal. Passerini was right near the goal when Brett Fila flicked the puck on the air from the left side. Passerini was able to get his stick on the puck and batted it down into the goal to make it 2-1.

Less than 20 seconds later, the score was tied when Cory Pfau made a pass from the left side to John Colwell, who was camped out on the right side of the goal. Colwell was able to wrist the puck into the open side of the goal with 11:02 left to make it 2-2.

With the score tied, Agawam had a renewed energy and began to take over possession on a more frequent basis. The Brownies



Agawam's Seamus Curran (6) carries the puck over the blue line. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHTOS.COM



Agawam's Cam Rivest (14) maintains control of the puck as he battles with a defender.

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HOCKEY

## Success this season not one year thing

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – Last Sunday truly ended a historic season for the Agawam ice hockey team, which reached the Massachusetts State Division 3 finals and played for the state championship at the TD Garden for the first time in the team's history.

Agawam's success this season started long before this year, though.

The Brownies, their coaching staff, and their rabid fan base have been helping build Agawam's success for the past few years.

It was several years ago that Agawam began building success by winning the former Fay Division with undefeated records two years in a row. The Brownies would frequently make the Division 3A Tournament, but always found Holyoke in the way when it came to the playoffs.

Holyoke would become South Hadley four years ago, but still enjoyed the same success over Agawam during the regular season, and the tournament. In 2012, Agawam had an excellent season, but went to the Western Massachusetts Division 3A championship game only to get trounced by the Tigers 7-0.

But the tide was changing, and Agawam came back the next year, and finally ran rough shot

with their deep roster. They overcame the Tigers in 2013 and beat Grafton for the 3A state championship.

Agawam continued to develop deep rosters, including quality goalkeepers. They were moved to Division 3 and the Berry Division, winning the division last year, but falling in the sectional finals.

With a roster of 11 seniors this season, the Brownies avenged their 2014 playoff loss, and went all the way back and won their division, and eventually the Western Mass finals.

For the first time in three years, the Brownies played on the big stage of the MassMutual Center, and came up with a big come-from-behind victory to reach the state finals at the famed TD Garden.

When it was all said and done, Agawam was a runnerup in the state finals, outlasting almost every other hockey team in Division 3, just two years into the upper division.

Depth was one of Agawam's biggest strengths. That depth gave the Brownies a lot of scoring threats up and down their three lines. Agawam scored a total of 135 goals this season, averaging 5.6 goals a game.

They continued to challenge themselves outside of the region. Agawam did go undefeated

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Sports

Brownie faithful at MassMutual



SPRINGFIELD - The Agawam hockey fandom was out in full force at both the state semifinal held at the MassMutual Center on Thursday, March 12 and the state finals at the TD Garden in Boston on Sunday, March 15. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

COLLEGE NOTES

Lungarini named to MASCAC Women's Lacrosse Weekly Honor Roll

WESTFIELD - Westfield State junior attacker and Agawam resident Samantha Lungarini was named to the MASCAC Women's Lacrosse Weekly Honor Roll. She scored eight goals in an 0-3 week for the Owls, including six goals in a 16-15 overtime loss to Meredith (N.C.) College.

Ritter delivers for Wentworth

NASHUA, N.H. - Wentworth men's volleyball sophomore and Feeding Hills resident Colin Ritter handed out 26 assists while knocking down four kills in a 3-0 win over Daniel Webster on Saturday, March 14.

Grassetti scores in win over Colby-Sawyer

WORCESTER - Worcester State women's lacrosse senior and Feeding Hills resident Angela Grassetti scored a goal in a 13-7 win over Colby-Sawyer on Saturday, March 14. Grassetti now has three goals on the season.

Uschmann delivers for Simmons

CLERMONT, Fla. - Simmons softball designated player and Agawam resident Jess Uschmann had two hits, including her first double of the season, and an RBI in an 8-0 six-inning win over Northwestern on Thursday, March 12. Uschmann also had an RBI single in a 7-1 win over Westfield State on Tuesday, March 10. Uschmann is hitting .226 on the season with seven hits and four RBIs.



Chris Breault gets set to attack the Watertown net. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Agawam commanded possession for the final 7:00 of the game, trying feverishly to tie the game, but Busconi was just not relenting. With the puck in transition, Gardiner was able to score a second time with 1:45 remaining in the game. When the Brownies received a faceoff with about 1:30 remaining, Connor McAnanama was removed from the goal and an extra skater came on the ice. The extra skater, Elijah Bard, made a difference in that final minute as he possessed the puck behind the goal and passed back to Seamus Curran, Agawam's leading scorer. Curran sent a short range wrist shot into the upper left of the net to make it 2-1 with 7 seconds remaining. Unfortunately, the Brownies were not able to get another chance in those final seconds to tie the game. McAnanama made 28 saves in the game while Busconi saved 37 Agawam shots. Agawam's season finally ends at 18-4-3.

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# Rodgers set to run St. Pat's

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE – With an emotional and historic Boston Marathon right around the corner, runners from all over the area and even foreign countries will flock to Western Massachusetts for the St. Patrick's Day Road Race on Saturday, March 21.

The big news coming out this week is the announcement that Bill Rodgers, who won the race three consecutive years in 1976, 1977, and 1978, will return and compete this year, the 40th anniversary of the race.

Rodgers will be competing nearly 40 years since the first race was held in Holyoke, but could make a big impact on the huge field of more than 6,000 harriers expected to participate in the monumental race.

Rodgers holds four wins in the Boston Marathon and four wins in the New York Marathon in his storied running career.

In addition to his appearance running the race, he will also be on hand to sign autographs and posing for photos from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 20, and following the race Saturday. ES Sports and PeoplesBank are sponsoring his appearance.

The numbers of race participants is already in the thousands, and registration is still ongoing. The cost is \$40 for racers who sign up between now and race day.

The main race is set to begin at 1 p.m. and is one of the many festive events happening in Holyoke to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

The two-mile walk had huge success last year and will



Brian McCarthy was the top finisher from Agawam last year as he placed 118th at 40 minutes, 11 seconds. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHTOS.COM

return again this year. The walk will begin right after the road race begins at the intersections of Maple and Lyman streets. Walkers will pay \$25. Walkers must pick up T-shirts at the Race Headquarters at 143 Maple St., from 3 to 6 p.m. on March 20 or 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the race day.

The Kids Fun Run is also back this year with race participants getting to lineup at 10:45 a.m. at the intersection of Hampden and Walnut Streets and going through the finish line. Children will be lined up by age groups.

The Mummies will hold a concert at 12:10 p.m.

Starting on March 20, racers wanting to participate can go up to Race Headquarters to sign up in person. Runners will be staged near the beginning of Maple Street. The race starts at approximately 1 p.m.

Last year, the race was won by a pair of Ethiopian racers, who captured the top male and female times. The male winner this year was Mengistu Nebsi, who finished the course with an overall best time of 29:42. Female winner Askale Merachi, 27, came across the finish line with a time of 33:14. She broke the record that was previously set for women runners in 1991 by Leslie Lehan.

Anyone with questions about the race can e-mail HolyokeSt-PatsRace@gmail.com. To sign up online, go to <http://www.holyokestpatrickroadrace.org/index.html>.

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Agawam's Cam Rivest (14) takes a look up the ice. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHTOS.COM



Agawam's Chris Breault (11) handles the puck on his backhand.

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were able to overcome a penalty to Chris Breault, and then finally took the lead for the first time in the game with 5:15 remaining in the second period.

Anthony Passerini scored the big goal. Agawam was on the attacked as Passerini and his teammates on the ice peppered the goal with short-range shots. He would get the last shot on goal, and the puck crossed the goal line before North Middlesex goalie Marc Frederick could get the puck out. The referee was on top of the play, and ruled on the goal immediately.

The Brownies took the one-goal lead into the third and continuously kept the possession advantage and scored again with 9:48. This time it was John Passerini who connected with Seamus Curran on the goal. Passerini would circle around the goal and pass back to an oncoming Curran, who struck low between the legs of Frederick for the "5-hole" goal and a 4-2 lead for the Brownies.

North Middlesex would remove Frederick with about 1:30 remaining. The Patriots moved the puck around, but Agawam did an excellent job defending despite being down a skater. The Brownies defense finally cleared the puck out with 12 seconds and Joe Mercadante went across the ice and scored an empty netter to ice the game.

Connor McAnanama scored the win with 18 saves on 20 shots. Agawam had 29 shots on goal.

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in Western Massachusetts, and broke a streak since 2001 where Westfield or Longmeadow were the only winners of Western Mass. in Division 3.

The Brownies will be graduating several players, but with a good, diverse mix of talent that played on Agawam's three lines and a sophomore goalie that is only improving, Agawam is set for continued success against the competitive teams in the Berry Division.

Adding to Agawam's success is a wonderful fan base that has been with Agawam every step of the way. Agawam

fans fill arenas, especially during the playoffs, and continue to be one of the town's most unifying teams for fans to watch.

For the season, Connor McAnanama finished with a .923 save percentage. He saved 366 shots this year. Seamus Curran, a 100-point club member, led the team with 51 points, scoring 27 goals and having 24 assists.

Cam Rivest had 32 points, Joe Mercadante 31, Chris Breault 30, Zach Circosta with 20, and Elijah Bard with 17. Mercadante, Breault, and Bard all scored in double-digits with goals.



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## Youth cheerleading signups scheduled

AGAWAM - Signups for the Agawam Youth Cheerleading fall season will take place Wednesday, March 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

Students entering grades 3 through 8 are eligible.

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Cooper's 'rounding up' for local charities

Cooper's Gifts, Curtains & Fashions, 161 Main St., Agawam, is offering charities a way to raise funds through a new initiative that they call "Round Up."

"Cooper's has long been involved in fundraising for many local charities through store events. Our new Round Up program is a way for our customers to vote for the charities that they wish to promote, and to help those charities fundraise in a bigger way," said Kate Gourde, owner.

The store allows customers to round up the price of their purchases to the next full dollar and donate the difference to charity. On a sale of \$29.45, for example, the customer would pay \$30, with 55 cents donated. At the end of the month, Cooper's adds up all of the donations and matches up to \$50, and a check is presented to the charity.

The charity must be non-profit 501c3. Charities or customers may submit one entry per month for consideration by emailing the following to coopercrew@aol.com: Name of charity and contact information (i.e. name, phone, address); confirmation of 501c3 status; brief overview of the charity's mission.



Cooper's presents a check to the Friends of the Homeless from its customers rounded up donations. From left, Kathy Tobin, director of program development, Friends of the Homeless; Kate Gourde, owner of Cooper's Gifts, Curtains & Fashions; and Gwen Burke, development specialist, Friends of the Homeless. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Three potential charities will be posted each month in a poll on Cooper's Facebook page. Whichever gets the most votes will be sponsored by Round Up the next month.

The Round Up program began in October 2014 with Rays of Hope, a walk and run toward the cure of breast cancer. Other charities supported since have been Wounded Warriors, Toys for Tots, Friends of the Homeless and the Parish Cupboard Emergency Food Program. March is the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center.

"Friends of the Homeless is so grateful to Cooper's Round Up program. In addition to the financial help it affords our charity, it has helped us make new friends of the homeless. Thanks to Cooper's support, our mission of assisting more than 1,200 individuals each year can continue," said Kathy Tobin, director of program development, Friends of the Homeless.

Cooper's is open daily and offers gifts for all occasions, fashion, jewelry, ready-made window treatments and home accents. For more information, visit www.coopers-gifts.com, their Facebook page or call 413-786-7760.

Legals

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Steven E. MacCormack** and **Julie E. MacCormack** to United Bank f/k/a Rockville Bank, said mortgage being dated August 18, 2005, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15277, Page 104, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 2, 2015, upon the premises described in said mortgage, namely Lot on Barry Street, Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain piece or parcel of land with all buildings and improvements thereon, located partially in the Town of Suffield, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut, and partially in the Town of Agawam, Hampden County and State of Massachusetts, as shown on a map or plan entitled, "PROPERTY SURVEY PREPARED FOR STEVEN MACCORMACK REAR HALLIDAY AVENUE SUFFIELD, CONNECTICUT Alford Associates, Inc. CIVIL ENGINEERS WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT WILSON M. ALFORD, JR., P.E. & L.S. DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2004 SCALE 1 IN. = 100 FT. REVISED 4-15-04 and 4-21-04," which map or plan is on file in the Town Clerk's Office in the Town of Suffield, Connecticut, and the Hampden County Registry of Deeds. Plan Book 388, Page 70.

See Book 15277, Page 101 for Deed Reference and Book 15277, Page 104.

Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be.

No representations, express or implied, are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises which will be sold "as is".

The successful high bidder will be responsible for paying the Massachusetts State Documentary Tax Stamps, all closing costs and all recording fees.

**TERMS OF SALE:** The highest bidder in the sale shall be required to deposit cash, bank treasurer's check or certified check in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) at the time and the place of the sale of the premises to qualify as a bidder (the present holder of the mortgage is exempt from this requirement) to be held by the Mortgagee. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified or bank treasurer's check at the closing which shall occur within thirty (30) days after the date of foreclosure sale, time being of the essence, unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the auction sale.

In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its election, to sell the property to the second highest bidder at the public auction provided that Mortgagee, in its discretion, may require (1) said second highest bidder to deposit the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder, (2) the second highest bidder to execute a Memorandum of Sale, and (3) the closing to occur within twenty (20) days of said written notice, time being of the essence unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The Mortgagee reserves the right to sell any parcel or any portion thereof separately, or in any order that Mortgagee may choose and/or to postpone this sale to a later time or date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

United Bank  
f/k/a Rockville Bank,  
Present Holder  
of said Mortgage  
By **Francis R. Mirkin**,  
Its Attorney  
BACON WILSON, P.C.  
33 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD15P0382EA  
Estate of: Carol Gaynor  
Date of Death: 11/06/2014  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: **Daniel Gaynor** of Chicopee MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that: **Hyman Darling** of Springfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 04/07/2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

3/19/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD15P0272EA  
Estate of:  
Fernande L Berube  
Also Known As:  
Fernande Berube  
Date of Death:  
December 31, 2014  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Charles B Berube** of Petersham MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Charles B Berube** of Petersham MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

3/19/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD15C0037CA  
In the matter of:  
Amanda Kay Messick  
Of: Feeding Hills, MA  
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Amanda K Messick** requesting that: **Amanda Kay Messick** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

**Adrien Kay Messick**

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 04/13/2015

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 16, 2015

**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate

3/19/15

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## Campers to Participate in Summer Brain Gain

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Summer Brain Gain is comprised of one-week modules with fun, themed activities for elementary and middle school students. Supported by Disney, each module takes a project-based learning approach; youth engage in a process of learning through discovery, creative expression, group work and a final project or production. With modules topics such as "Green Team," "Wacky Watch" and "Connect the Dots," participants can make sculptures out of found objects, create weather in a bottle, or even learn how they are connected to the President of the United States of America.

"Summer learning losses can stack up from year to year, causing low-income children to fall further and further behind, ultimately endangering their chances of high school graduation," said Elizabeth Daly, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee. "We are committed to ensuring that Chicopee's youth, especially those who need us most, graduate from high school on time with a plan for the future. That's why we are offering the Summer Brain Gain program to fight the detrimental effect of summer learning loss."

Summer Brain Gain will join other age-appropriate camp activities, including cooking, art projects, computer time, sports, and field activities. Campers also have access to our on-site spray park, and 20,000 sq. ft. air conditioned facility. Each week has a unique theme, and campers are encouraged to participate in a variety of new, exciting activities to highlight that week's theme.

This year, we are privileged to offer discounts to all active duty and reserve military personnel, City of Chicopee employees, and member businesses of the Greater Chicopee and South Hadley/Granby Chambers of Commerce. For more information about Summer Brain Gain, or any of our Summer Camp programs, contact the Amy Underwood, Program Manager, at 413-206-4105 or [amyu@bgcchicopee.org](mailto:amyu@bgcchicopee.org).

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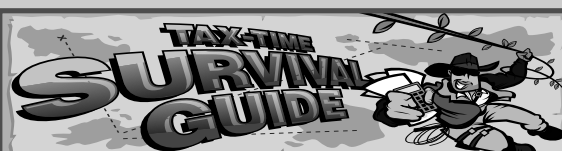
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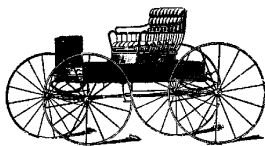
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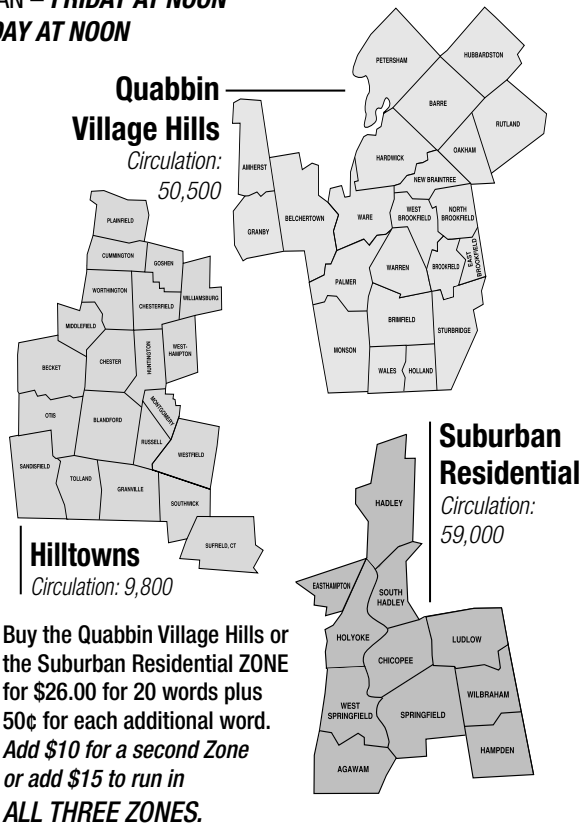
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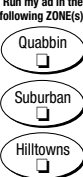
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**Friday, March 20**

MUSICAL IMAGINATION ADVENTURE FAMILY CONCERT at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., at 11 a.m. Children from birth to age 5 will sing, dance and imagine with Cheryl Melody. Participants will meet her puppet, Shy Mousie, and become part of each story and song.

**Saturday, March 21**

AGAWAM COMMUNITY & FAMILY PROGRAM will host the Agawam Community Informational Fair from 9 a.m. to noon in the Agawam High School cafeteria, 760 Cooper St. A great opportunity to learn about many local organizations providing services to families. Free child identification with MYCHIP, free Teddy Bear Clinic and face painting. Presentations by Firefighter Pam, Zoo on the Go and more.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 82 will hold a bottle and can drive at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call David Robinson at 413-789-1639.

**Tuesday, March 24**

AGAWAM COMMUNITY & FAMILY PROGRAM WILL HOST "Healthy Sleeping" facilitated by Behavior Health Network from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. It will focus on the science of sleep and the impact of sleep habits on development and behavior in children. Registration is not required.

**Sunday, March 29**

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY will take place at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam from 8 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$7 per person and free for children 12 and under. For more information, call Joe Pisano at 413-351-5831.

THE SPRINGFIELD VETERANS' ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE will hold a public observance for Vietnam Veterans' Day at 1 p.m. It will take place at the Vietnam Veterans' Monument at Court Square in Springfield.

**Tuesday, March 31**

AGAWAM FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM will offer Parent Café from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., or 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Janet Brown will help parents identify and recognize the skills required for a child to read, and offer practical ways to create a positive reading environment in your home. Free childcare available in the morning only.

**Wednesday, April 1**

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 or older. To make an appointment, call 413-786-1460.

**Thursday, April 2**

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "James McNeill Whistler & the Case for Beauty" featuring award-winning filmmaker Karen Thomas, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

AN EASTER EGG HUNT will take place at Hope Community Church, 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills at 1 p.m. Activities will feature an Easter craft, a puppet show, and music. Children in grades 5 and under are

welcome to attend with accompanying adult. This event is free.

**Tuesday, April 7**

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield Anita Cooper, soprano, Noriyo Fokui, on flute, and Estela Olevisky on piano, at 10:30 a.m. Free refreshments are provided after the performances. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or John Karalekas, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

**Wednesday, April 8**

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

**Friday, April 10**

AN '80s THROWBACK DANCE will be held at the Westfield Elks Lodge, 56 Franklin Ave., at 7 p.m. Funds raised will support the Westfield Food Pantry, 101 Meadow St. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased at the Food Pantry during business hours, online at [www.westfieldfoodpantry.org](http://www.westfieldfoodpantry.org) or at the door. Tickets purchased online can be mailed or picked up from the food pantry.

THE CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS will host a benefit tag sale from Friday, April 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wachogue Congregational Church, 80 Arvilla St., Springfield. For information to donate items, call Susan at 413-782-9006. All proceeds will help dogs and cats in need in Western Massachusetts.

**ONGOING**

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-work-

ers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BLOOD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the conference room of Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. A light dinner is served. For more information or to register, call 413-789-0200, visit [www.springfieldmed.com](http://www.springfieldmed.com), or email [survivorshipprogram@gmail.com](mailto:survivorshipprogram@gmail.com).

A BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:15 p.m. at office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call 413-789-0200, visit [www.springfieldmed.com](http://www.springfieldmed.com), or email [survivorshipprogram@gmail.com](mailto:survivorshipprogram@gmail.com).

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 413-786-7111 or email [jbrownacc@verizon.net](mailto:jbrownacc@verizon.net).

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# Mothers' night



Oak Ridge Golf Club in Agawam hosted the town's annual Mother-Son Dance last Thursday. The evening of goodies, dressing up and dancing paved the way for memorable moments between the attending mothers and their young sons.



From left, Domenic Touringny, Bridget Touringny, and Devin Griffin pose for a snapshot.

A table full of teddy bear souvenirs of the night lay out awaiting picking.



Jenn Cauley of Agawam shares a laugh with friends.



Hula hoops, wild hats and over-the-top dance moves were on display at the dance.



Kerry Kennedy of Agawam is please her eight year old, Liam is having a good time.



Mothers were having just as much fun as their sons.



Seven-year-old Lucas Blackak of Agawam takes a break to have a moment with his mother.



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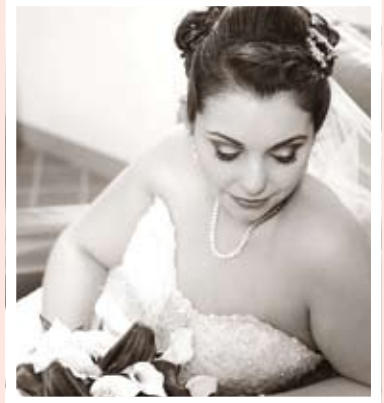
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